

Minutes of the Mt. Vernon – Black Township Park and Recreation Board Meeting February 18th, 2009

The Mt. Vernon – Black Township Parks and Recreation Department Board held its' monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 18th' 2009, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizen Center at 6:00 p.m. Attending the meeting were: Park Board President Ron Bennett, Members –Linc Baro, Kelly Cox and Don Oeth, Parks Supt – John Tate and Park Board Secretary- Debra Scott. Members not present were: Synda Waters.

The motion to authorize payment of claims was made by Don Oeth and seconded by Linc Baro. Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the minutes as written or corrected from the January 21st, 2009, meeting was made by Linc Baro and seconded by Kelly Cox. Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the balance of accounts to be entered into the minutes subject to audit for February 18th, 2009, was made by Kelly Cox and seconded Don Oeth. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Encumbered Funds towards 2009 projects-

A. **Wading Pool – L & W Construction** - \$34,000.00

Mr. Tate stated L & W is ready to start. The Park & Recreation Department is still waiting on (2008) last years tax money. The department is not sure if or when we will receive the appropriations to move forward with the wading pool.

B. **Armory Building Repairs – NM Bunge** - \$15,700.00

The same applies with the Armory Repairs as above (L & W Construction), the project is on hold until the department receives the tax money from 2008.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **MVYB mowing-** MVYB approached Mr. John Tate about mowing their ball-fields. Mr. Tate handed the Board a proposal he and Darin Toler had drawn up on mowing the fields, which included the cost of labor, fuel/supplies, and wear and tear on the department's equipment. There were two different options. The first option was to mow the fields 2 times a week and weed eat 1 time a week for \$100.00. The second option was to mow the fields three times per week and weed eat two times a week for \$160.00. Mr. Tate asked the Board for their approval to submit this proposal to the MVYB. Mr. Linc Baro made the motion for Mr. Tate to submit the bids to mow and weed eat for the MVYB, Kelly Cox seconds the motion. Motion Carried.

2. **Indiana Municipal Insurance Program-** Mr. Tate stated back in July a representative from the Indiana Municipal Program came and completed a review of all the city departments. He gave recommendations of items that needed addressed to lesson potential exposure if a liability claim is made. (Each board member was given a copy of these recommendations.) One of the recommendations was to inspect the frame and metal plates supporting the diving boards for structural integrity as excessive rust and deterioration is present. Replacement of the frames may be necessary. Mr. Tate contacted TMI and they recommended talking to Apex Engineering. Barry Tanner from Apex contacted Mr. Tate and came out to the pool to advise the department on the above issue. Apex engineering recommended two options, one to replace the existing stands and option two, to have Hanson Testing perform a structural test on the existing stands. With the current financial situation of the city, the board tabled this issue until funds become available for this project.

Mr. Ron Bennett asked at this time if there was any new business or issues to be discussed. Don Oeth stated that Senator Bob Deig has a bill in place for background checks on coaches and anyone involved with youth sports. If this bill would pass at the state level, the department would only have to pay a yearly fee instead of having to pay for each background check. The bill would give Parks & Recreation departments in the state the same exemption schools are given to run background checks through the state police.

Motion was made to adjourn by Ron Bennett and seconded by Don Oeth.
Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned

John Tate, Superintendent

Ron Bennett, Board President

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday,
March 18th, 2009, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizens Center.